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EMBASSIES FOR FAA

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: EAIR, PO
SUBJ: FLIGHT CLEARANCES

1. LAST WEEK TWO AMERICAN AIR CARGO CHARTER COMPANIES TRANSPORTING
MUNITONS THROUGH PORTUGAL ENCOUNTERED FLIGHT CLEARANCE
DIFFICULTIES. IN ONE CASE AIRCRAFT HAD ALREADY ENTERED
PORTUGAL, AND WAS DETAINED BY GOP AUTHORITIES DURING
TECHNICAL STOP AT SANTA MARIA AIRPORT, AZORES.
EMBASSY INTERVENTION WAS SUCCESSFUL IN SECURING EXPEDITIOUS
FLIGHT CLEARANCES IN BOTH CASES.

2. IN ORDER TO AVOID FUTURE DIFFICULTIES, EMBASSY SUGGESTS
US-CHARTERED AIR CARRIERS TRANSPORTING MUNITIONS OR
EXPLOSIVES AND ANTICIPATING STOPOVER IN OR OVERFLIGHT
OF PORTUGAL, INCLUDING AZORES AND MADEIRA, REQUEST
DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE THROUGH DEPARTMENT CHANNELS.
REQUEST SHOULD NORMALLY BE MADE AT LEAST 10 WORKING DAYS
IN ADVANCE OF ANTICIPATED FLIGHT AND SHOULD INCLUDE
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- A) AIRCRAFT, TYPE AND REGISTRATION NUMBER;
- B) ORIGIN, DESTINATION, TYPE, AND VOLUME OF CARGO;
- C) CAPTAIN'S NAME AND NUMBER OF CREW;
- D) ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE DATES AND TIMES;
- E) NAME AND ADDRESS OF CHARTER COMPANY.

UPON RECEIPT OF INFO LISTED ABOVE, EMBASSY WILL REQUEST
CLEARANCE VIA DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS AND WILL ADVISE
DEPARTMENT OF GOP'S RESPONSE.

3. WE SUGGEST INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT MANUAL BE AMENDED AS
NECESSARY TO REFLECT FOREGOING.
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